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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 19, 2004, wherein the non-compliance was related to the previous listing of claims which did not include the text from withdrawn claims, please enter the following amendments and remarks: The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment set an initial deadline for response of November 19, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is believed to be timely filed and no extension of time is believed to be required.

Claims 1-18 are pending, with claims 2 and 5 withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.